

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PROBATION ADVISORY COUNCIL RULE
503-1-.21 PROBATION OFFICER STANDARDS**

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to clarify the qualifications needed to be employed as a probation officer.

Main Features: The main feature of the proposed amendment is to clarify the qualifications criteria.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND
COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PROBATION ADVISORY COUNCIL RULE
503-1-.21 PROBATION OFFICER STANDARDS**

[Note: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted; underlined text is proposed to be added]

503-1-.21 Probation Officer Standards.

The standards for any person employed as a probation officer with a probation entity are:

- (a) At least 21 years of age at the time of appointment;
- (b) Completed a standard two-year college course of study (or 90 quarter hours/ or 60 semester hours) from an accredited institution or have four years of law enforcement experience as a certified peace officer or jurisdictional equivalent, at the time of appointment; any private probation officer who was employed as of July 1, 1996 and who had at least six months of experience as a private probation officer, or any person employed as a probation officer by a county, municipality, or consolidated government as of March 1, 2006, shall be exempt from such college requirements. Documentation of education, law enforcement experience, and POST certification shall be maintained in the employees personnel files;

Authority: OCGA §42-8-102